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SUBJ: VISIT OF IBRD PRESIDENT MCNAMARA

1. FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL IN CHARGE OF INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL RELATIONS TOLD EMBASSY OFFICERS MAY 17 THE IBRD PRESIDENT MCNAMARA IS EXPECTED TO VISIT TURKEY IN NOVEMBER. HE SAID INVITATION TO COME TO TURKEY HAD ORIGINATED WITH PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE AND HAD BEEN CONVEYED BY TURKISH EMBASSY WASHINGTON. TIMING FOR VISIT IN NOVEMBER HAD BEEN WORKED OUT IN WASHINGTON.

2. SOURCE DID NOT KNOW SPECIFIC ITEMS PROPOSED FOR AGENDA. HE THOUGHT DISCUSSIONS WOULD COVER WHOLE RANGE OF PROJECTS IN WHICH IBRD IS PARTICIPATING IN TURKEY. HE DID NOT KNOW IF PROPOSALS FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF FORMER OPIUM PRODUCING REGION MIGHT BE AMONG SUBJECTS TO BE COVERED

3. EMBASSY COMMENT: MCNAMARA PREVIOUSLY VISITED TURKEY IN 1970. SINCE THAT TIME, IBRD HAS UNDERTAKEN SUBSTANTIAL PARTICIPATION IN DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN TURKEY. NEW IBRD LOANS TO TURKEY HAVE BEEN AVERAGING \$160 MILLION ANNUALLY IN PAST FEW YEARS.
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